WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A photographic element comprising a silver halide emulsion layer having associated therewith a dye forming coupler and a compound of the following Formula I:

$$R^1R^2N\text{-}C(O)\text{-}(R)_p\text{-}C(O)\text{-}NR^3R^4$$

wherein R represents a non-aromatic hydrocarbon linking group; p = 0 or 1; and each of R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 independently represents an aromatic, cyclic, linear or branched chain hydrocarbon group, or R^1 and R^2 or R^3 and R^4 combine together to form a ring with the associated nitrogen atom to which they are attached; with the proviso (i) at least one of R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 comprises an aromatic, cyclic, secondary alkyl, or otherwise or branched hydrocarbon group, or (ii) at least $R^1$and R^2 combine together to form a ring with the associated nitrogen atom.

2. An element according to claim 1, wherein each of R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 is independently a hydrocarbon group of from 1 to 22 carbon atoms or R^1 and R^2 or R^3 and R^4 combine to form a hydrocarbon group of from 1-22 carbon atoms.

3. An element according to claim 2, wherein R^3 and R^4 are selected to match R^1 and R^2.

4. An element according to claim 2, wherein at least two of R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 comprise cyclic, secondary, or otherwise branched chain alkyl groups.

5. An element according to claim 2, wherein both R^1 and R^2 as well as R^3 and R^4 combine to form rings with their associated nitrogen atoms.

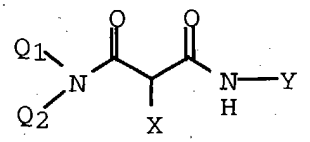
6. An element according to claim 1, wherein p = 1 and R comprises a cyclic, linear, or branched chain linking group comprising from 1 to 30 carbon atoms.

7. An element according to claim 6, wherein R represents a C_1-C_{30} alkylene linking group.

8. An element according to claim 6, wherein R represents a C_1-C_{16} alkylene linking group.

9. An element according to claim 1, wherein the dye-forming coupler comprises an acetanilide-based yellow dye-forming coupler.

10. An element according to claim 9, wherein the yellow coupler is of the formula



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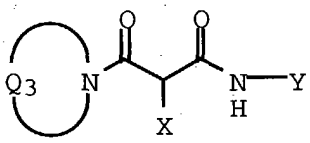

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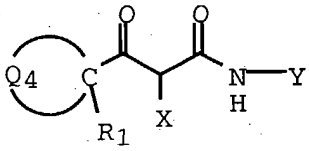

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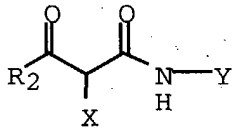

YELLOW-4,

wherein R_1, R_2, Q_1 and Q_2 each represent a substituent; X is hydrogen or a coupling-off group; Y represents an aryl group or a heterocyclic group; Q_3 represents an organic residue required to form a nitrogen-containing heterocyclic group together with the illustrated nitrogen atom; and Q_4 represents nonmetallic atoms necessary to form a 3- to 5-membered hydrocarbon ring or a 3- to 5-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one hetero atom selected from N, O, S, and P in the ring.

11. An element according to claim 10, wherein the yellow coupler is of the formula YELLOW-4 where R_2 represents an aryl or alkyl group and Y represents an aryl group.

12. An element according to claim 11, wherein R_2 represents a tertiary alkyl group.

13. An element according to claim 9, wherein the molar ratio of compound of formula I to yellow coupler is from 0.05:1 to 4.0:1.

14. An element according to claim 9, wherein the silver halide emulsion layer further has associated therewith a substituted phenolic light stabilizer compound.

15. An element according to claim 9, comprising a color paper photographic element which comprises a reflective support.

16. An element according to claim 9, wherein the compound of formula I is employed as a permanent coupler solvent in an amount of from 0.1 to 5.0 mg/mg yellow coupler.

17. An element according to claim 1, comprising a color paper photographic element which comprises a reflective support.

18. An element according to claim 1, wherein the molar ratio of compound of formula I to coupler is from 0.05:1 to 4.0:1.

19. An element according to claim 1, wherein the compound of formula I is employed as a permanent coupler solvent in an amount of from 0.1 to 5.0 mg/mg dye-forming coupler.